

TOWN OF ABINGDON, VIRGINIA PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018 – 5:30 P.M. ARTHUR CAMPBELL MEETING ROOM MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Welcome to the Town of Abingdon, Virginia Planning Commission Regular Meeting. We appreciate your interest and we encourage public participation in our meeting. Your comments are important to our decision making process. Please note that there will be opportunities during the meeting for you to address the Commission members. The first opportunity will come if there is a public hearing on the agenda, when the Chairman declares the hearing open for comment. The second opportunity to address the Commission will come near the end of the agenda when the Chairman will inquire if anyone wishes to address the members of the Commission. Anyone addressing the Commission will approach the podium; give your first and last name and your complete physical address. Comments must be limited to three minutes.

- A. WELCOME Wayne Austin, Chair
- B. ROLL CALL Jason Boswell, Interim Director of Planning
- C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - February 26, 2018
- D. CERTIFICATE(S) OF APPROPRIATENESS
 - 1. Marathon Realty Corp, Owner, Parcel No. 021-1-5B, Zone B-2
 - Linda Cox, Eastman Credit Union, and Luther D. Caw, AIA, CAW Rash West Architects, Representatives
 - 2. Management Properties, Inc., Owner, 1120 W Main Street, Parcel No. 104C2-A-2
 - Jeffrey Benedict, Representative

F. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- 1. Discussion of proposed changes to Planning Commission Ordinance.
- G. ANNOUNCEMENTS
- H. ADJOURNMENT

TOWN OF ABINGDON PLANNING COMMISSION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2018 – 5:30 PM ARTHUR CAMPBELL MEETING ROOM – MUNICIPAL BLDG

A meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission was held on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the Arthur Campbell Meeting Room.

- A. Chairman Wayne Austin called the meeting to Order.
- B. Roll Call Deborah Icenhour, Town Attorney

Members Present:

Wayne Austin, Chairman Kenny Shuman Scott Wilson Dr. Ramsey White Rick Humphreys

Member Absent:

Jimmy Anderson Greg Kelly

C. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Shuman, seconded by Mr. Humphreys, the minutes of January 22, 2018 be accepted as presented.

The roll call vote was as follows:

| Mr. Wilson | Aye |
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| Dr. White | Aye |
| Mr. Shuman | Aye |
| Mr. Humphreys | Aye |
| Mr. Austin | Aye |

D. CERTIFICATE(S) OF APPROPRIATENESS

1. Jerkovski & Co., owner, aka "Papa Tom's Cantina" 924 East Main Street, Parcel No. 106-4-2A, Zone B-2 – Joel Jerkins, Representative

Joel Jerkins addressed the Commission stating that was before them again to request a change to exterior paint colors that would be less vibrant. Mr. Jerkins presented a sample board

of the various colors and advised that he had changed the retractable windows in the back of the building to a fixed window so space could be utilized yearly.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Mr. Shuman, Planning Commission members recommended approval of the proposed colors as presented and the window substitution.

The roll call vote was as follows:

| Dr. White | Aye |
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| Mr. Shuman | Aye |
| Mr. Wilson | Aye |
| Mr. Humphreys | Aye |
| Mr. Austin | Aye |

2. First Bank and Trust, owner, 667 Porterfield Highway, Parcel No. 017-1-4, Zoned B-2 – Matt Bundy, Bundy Architecture and Engineering, Inc., Representative and Dan Smith, First Bank and Trust

Matt Bundy addressed the Commission stating that First Bank and Trust was submitting site plans for the Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition and construction of a new bank branch at the existing branch location at Main Street and Porterfield Highway and approval for a parking variance request. Mr. Bundy reported that the Kevin Sigmon, Town Arborist, worked with them regarding the condition of the trees on the proposed property for aesthetic reason which is restricting the required 160 parking spaces per the Code.

(PLANNING COMMISSIONER JAMES ANDERSON ARRIVED FOR MEETING 5:39 PM)

Discussion ensued with Dan Smith, Vice-President of Information Services, stated that approximately 50-60 employees would be at this location and that banking had moved towards electronic with a large reduction to face-to-face transactions. Mr. Smith further stated that this would be an approximately \$5,000,000 investment.

Mr. Shuman stated that it appears there were several requests from the Town's Public Service Department and requested an update. Matt Bolick, Director of Public Services & Construction, stated that the Town was working with the engineer and felt that a solution could be obtained. Mr. Austin questioned whether there were any plans to combine the lots. Mr. Smith stated that was not the Bank's intention to combine the lots at this time.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, seconded by Dr. White, Planning Commission members recommended the approval of the parking variance to accommodate 108 spaces.

The roll call vote was as follows:

| Mr. Anderson | Aye |
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| Dr. White | Aye |
| Mr. Shuman | Aye |
| Mr. Wilson | Aye |
| Mr. Humphreys | Aye |

Mr. Austin Abstain (Shareholder in First Bank & Trust)

On motion of Mr. Shuman, seconded by Mr. Anderson, Planning Commission members approved the Certificate of Appropriateness subject to the requirements set forth in a memo dated February 14, 2018 by the Public Services & Construction department.

The roll call vote was as follows:

| Mr. Anderson | Aye |
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| Dr. White | Aye |
| Mr. Shuman | Aye |
| Mr. Wilson | Aye |
| Mr. Humphreys | Aye |
| Mr. Austin | Abstain (Shareholder in First Bank & Trust) |

3. Marathon Realty Corp., Owner, Parcel No. 021-1-5B, Zone B-2, Linda Cox, Eastman Credit Union, and Luther D. Caw, AIA, CAW Rash West Architects, Representatives

Representative(s) were not present.

On motion of Dr. White, seconded by Mr. Shuman, Planning Commission members recommended that this matter be tabled until the next regular meeting.

The roll call vote was as follows:

| Mr. Anderson | Aye |
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| Dr. White | Aye |
| Mr. Shuman | Aye |
| Mr. Wilson | Aye |
| Mr. Humphreys | Aye |
| Mr. Austin | Aye |

E. OLD BUSINESS/MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

1. Discussion of proposed changes to Planning Commission Ordinance

Deb Icenhour, Town Attorney stated that a proposal for changing the current ordinance regarding the inclusion of the town manager and town council member. Discussion ensued with the consensus being that either the town manager or the town council member remain *ad hoc* on the Commission to inform the Town Council of decisions.

Mr. Humphreys welcomed James Anderson as a member of the Commission.

Mr. Humphreys read an email from Town Manager Greg Kelly regarding an inquiry from Nan Harman concerning access to her property.

Nan Harman addressed the Commission stating that she was concerned about the entrance to her property and discovered through research at the Courthouse that parcel #9 closed on January 28th. Ms. Harman further stated that she understood that a Hampton Inn was building on the biggest parcel outside the development and would include 3-4 stories.

At this time, Chairman Austin inquired if anyone had questions or matters of discussion.

- Lewis Hagy, 454 Green Springs Road
 Mr. Hagy questioned the Commission regarding plans to purchase additional property on Green Springs Road. Mr. Austin advised that the Planning Commission were not involved.
 Mr. Humphreys advised him that he would provide him with contact information for Marathon Realty.
- Nan Harman, 498 Green Springs Road
 Ms. Harman advised the Commission that she received a notice postmarked Wednesday and picked up on Friday concerning this meeting. Ms. Harman felt that this was not adequate notice. Ms. Harmon also addressed her concern regarding the traffic study and the proposed round-about.

Mr. Austin stated that he echoed Ms. Harman's comments about getting the information out in a timely fashion and would request that the Commission receive the information one week in advance.

- Stephen Jett, 333 Court Street
 Mr. Jett stated that he was interested to hear the comments regarding voting/non-voting members of the Planning Commission
- Joe LeVine, 340 250 Green Springs Road
 Mr. LeVine stated that he was interested in the proposed changes to the Ordinance and supported getting the agenda in advance.

On motion of Mr. Shuman, seconded by Mr. Humphreys, recommended the meeting be adjourned with not further business to address.

The roll call vote was as follows:

| Mr. Anderson | Aye |
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| Dr. White | Aye |
| Mr. Shuman | Aye |
| Mr. Wilson | Aye |
| Mr. Humphreys | Aye |
| Mr. Austin | Aye |

Chairman Austin declared the meeting adjourned.

| | Wayne Austin, Chair | |
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Abingdon, Virginia



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APPLICATION FOR ENTRANCE CORRIDOR, CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATNESS Town of Abingdon, Virginia

Town of Abingdon Planning Commission 133 East Main Street • Abingdon, VA 24212 Phone: (276) 628-3167 • Fax: (276) 698-3412

| Location of Propert | y Meadows | Zoning District B-2 Gateway office/ Commercial | | | |
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| Business Name | Eastman Credit Union | Tax Map No: | 021-1-5B | | |

| Applicant/Property Owner Name (PRINT) Marathon Realty Corp. /Stephen Spangler | Representative Agent(s) Name Linda Cox |
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| Signature | Firm Eastman Credit Union |
| Mailing Address P.O. Box 1158 | Mailing Address 2021 Meadowview Lane |
| CityAbingdon | CityKingsport |
| State/Zip VA 24210 | State/ZipTN 37660 |
| Phone/Fax Number: 276-623-5100 x 5749 | Phone/Fax Number: 423-578-7572 |
| Email:spanglers@foodcity.com | Email: (cox@ecu.org |

(Check the Appropriate Boxes - Check all that Apply)

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| | Wall/Fence | | Deck/Porch | | Demolition | |
| 1 | Driveway/Parking Area | 1 | New Structure/Building | 1 | Grounds/Landscaping | |
| 1 | Dumpster/HVAC Screen, etc. | | Other | | Other | |

The above named person(s)/firm has permission to represent me regarding this request for site plan and architectural review. I understand that I or my representative agent(s) must be present at the Planning Commission Meeting on the date assigned by staff, typically the 4th Monday of the month, to present my proposal and that failure to attend may result in the denial of my proposal by the Commission due to insufficient information. No material change in the appearance of my property, that is viewable from any public street, shall be performed before receiving a Certificate of Appropriateness. I further understand that approval by the Planning Commission for any modifications to homes, buildings, landscaping, or grounds including fences, driveways, and parking areas shall expire 12 months from the date of approval. I hereby authorize town staff and/or members of the Planning Commission the right to enter onto my property during normal business hours for the purposes of Investigating my request for a Certificate of Appropriateness. I further authorize Town staff to notify any adjoining property owners of this application for Certificate of Appropriateness.

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NOTICE OF MEETING for the Town of Abingdon Planning Commission

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Location: Meadows Property, Green Spring Road

Proposal: Eastman Credit Union, Construction of New Structure

Applicant: Marathon Realty

Applicant's Contact: Linda Cox ECU Representative, (423) 578-7572

You are receiving this notice because public records indicate that you own property near or adjacent to the property listed in this request, which has been scheduled for a hearing before the Planning Commission. Recipients of this notice may wish to share it with their neighbors whose property is nearby the above noted location.

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If you would like more information about this request, you could contact the Town of Abingdon Planning Department at (276) 628-3167 prior to the meeting. You may also contact the applicant's contact person listed above.

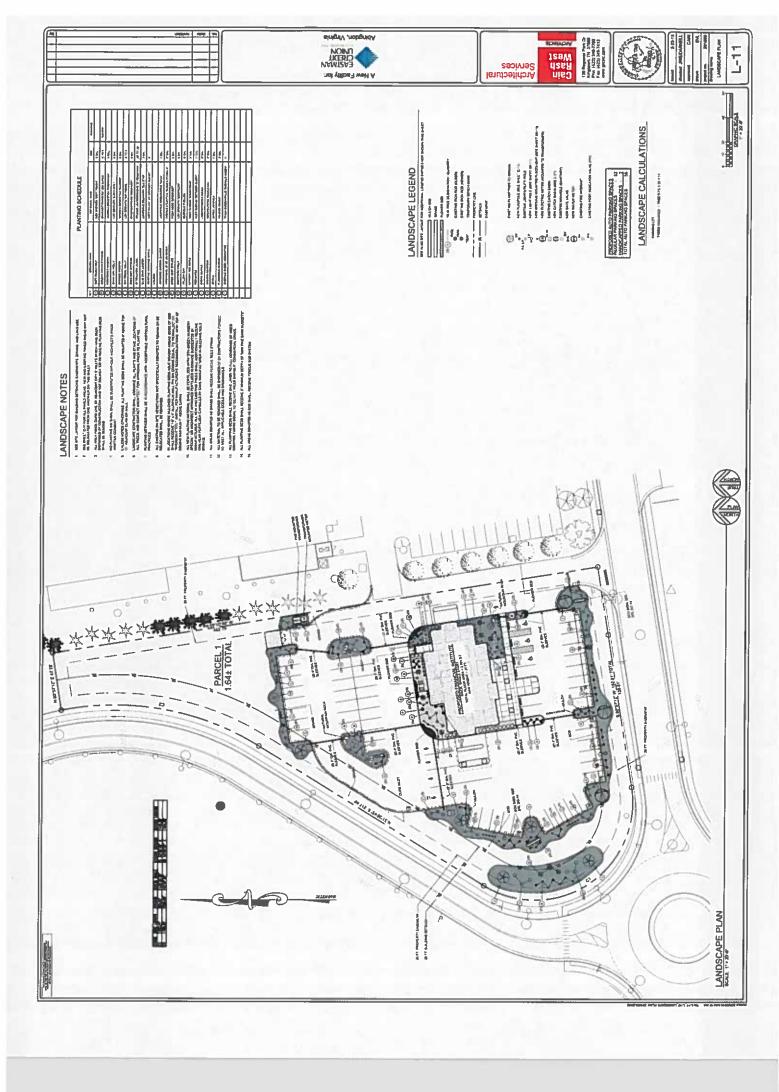
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING DATE: March 26, 2018 TIME: 5:30 PM

LOCATION: Town of Abingdon Town Hall, 133 W. Main St., Arthur Campbell Room - 1 Floor

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| SIMON TERRY L & PASICK SUSANNE L | 460 GREEN SPRING RD | | ABINGDON | VA | 24210 |
| WRIGHT CLARENCE W JR ESTATE | 456 SW 140 AVE | 7 | OCALA | FL | 34481 |
| HAGY LEWIS HAMILTON | 454 GREEN SPRING RD | | ABINGDON | VA | 24210 |
| SIERRA LAND LLC | 24148 WALDEN RD | | ABINGDON | VA | 24210 |
| WRIGHT CLARENCE W JR ESTATE | 456 SW 140 AVE | | OCALA | FL | 34481 |
| THOMAS NANCY | 26476 OLD SALTWORKS RD | | MEADOWVIEW | VA | 24361 |
| KEOHANE MARY ELIZABETH SPIVA | 478 GREEN SPRING RD | | ABINGDON | VA | 24210 |
| COOK DALE | 19954 BENHAMS RD | | BRISTOL | VA | 24202 |
| PROCTOR WILLIAM W & BERTIE C | 540 NICHOLAS ST | | ABINGDON | VA | |
| PATTERSON CINDY M HOCKETT | 410 GREEN SPRING RD | | ABINGDON | VA | 24210 |
| HYLTON WALTER E | P O BOX 277 | | CASTLEWOOD | VA | 24224 |
| HARMAN NAN ARRINGTON | P O BOX 841 | | ABINGDON | VA | 24212 |
| GRUNDY NATIONAL BANK | P O BOX 2080 | | GRUNDY | VA | 24614 |
| C & C RENTALS LLC | P O BOX 367 | | ABINGDON | VA | 24212 |





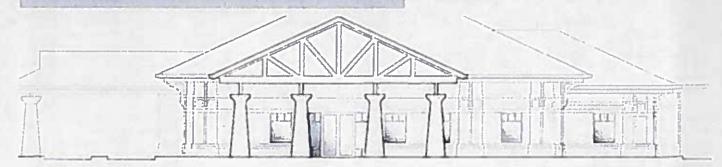
EASTMAN CREDIT UNION

Abingdon Virginia 3 781 SF

This local credit union facility is a single story, slab on grade structure consisting of structural steel framing, metal roof trusses. The exterior has a brick veneer with EIFS accents, stone columns, exposed timber trusses at the entry and architectural shingles.

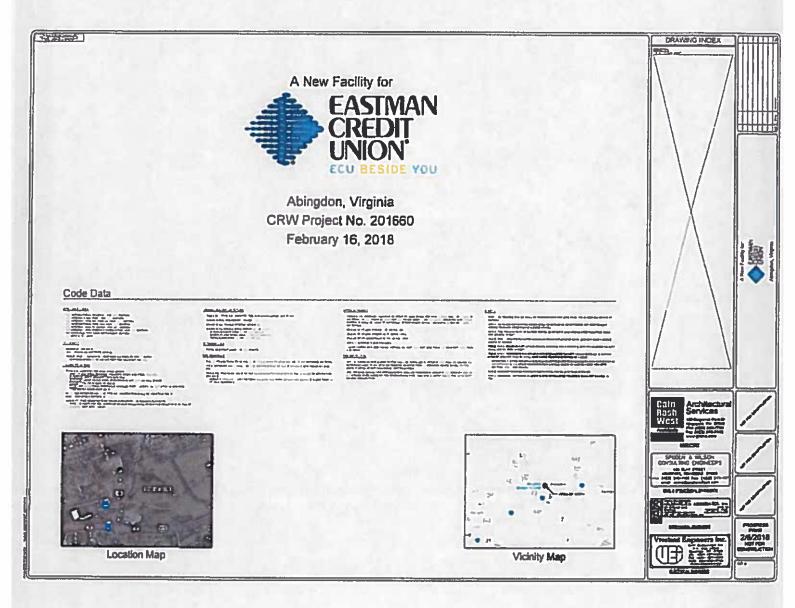
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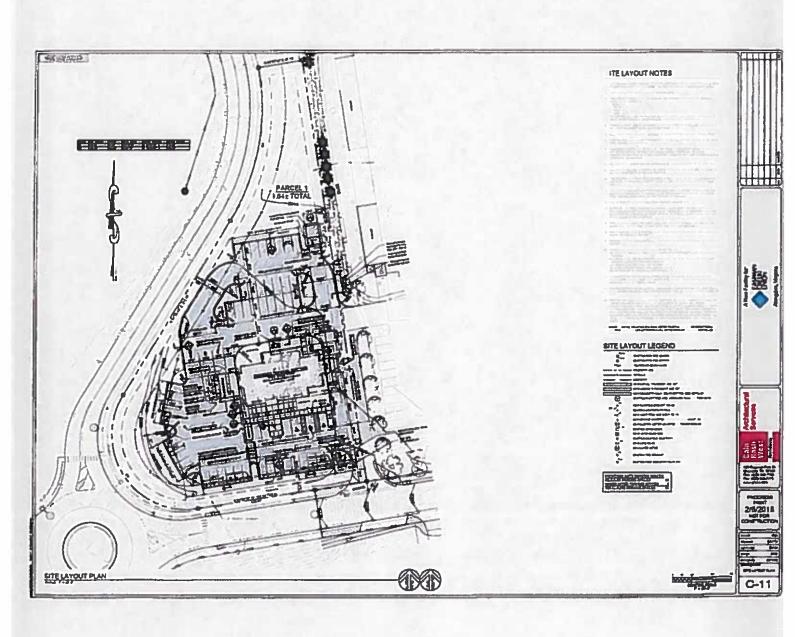


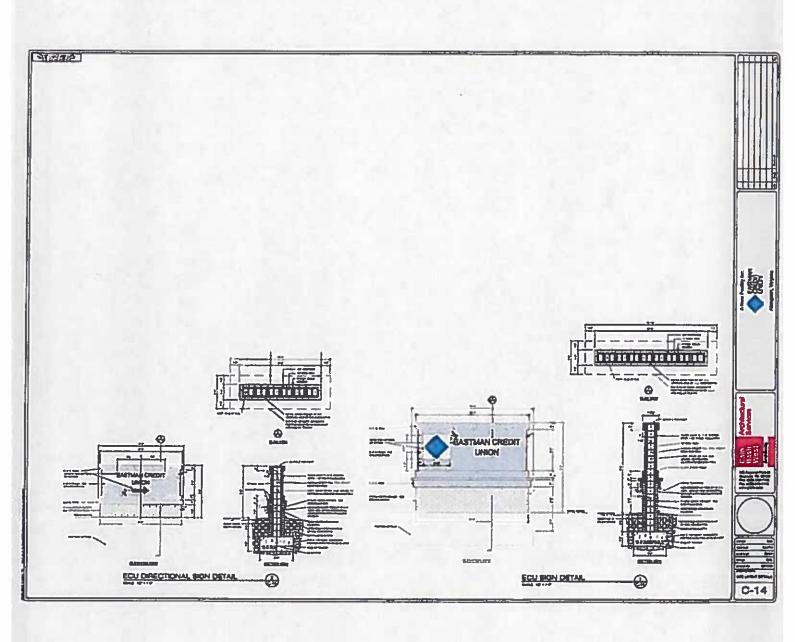


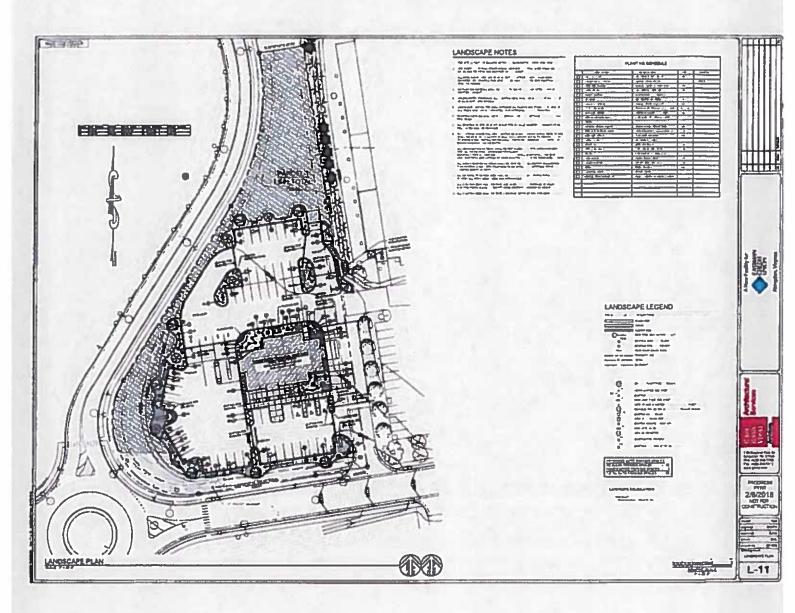


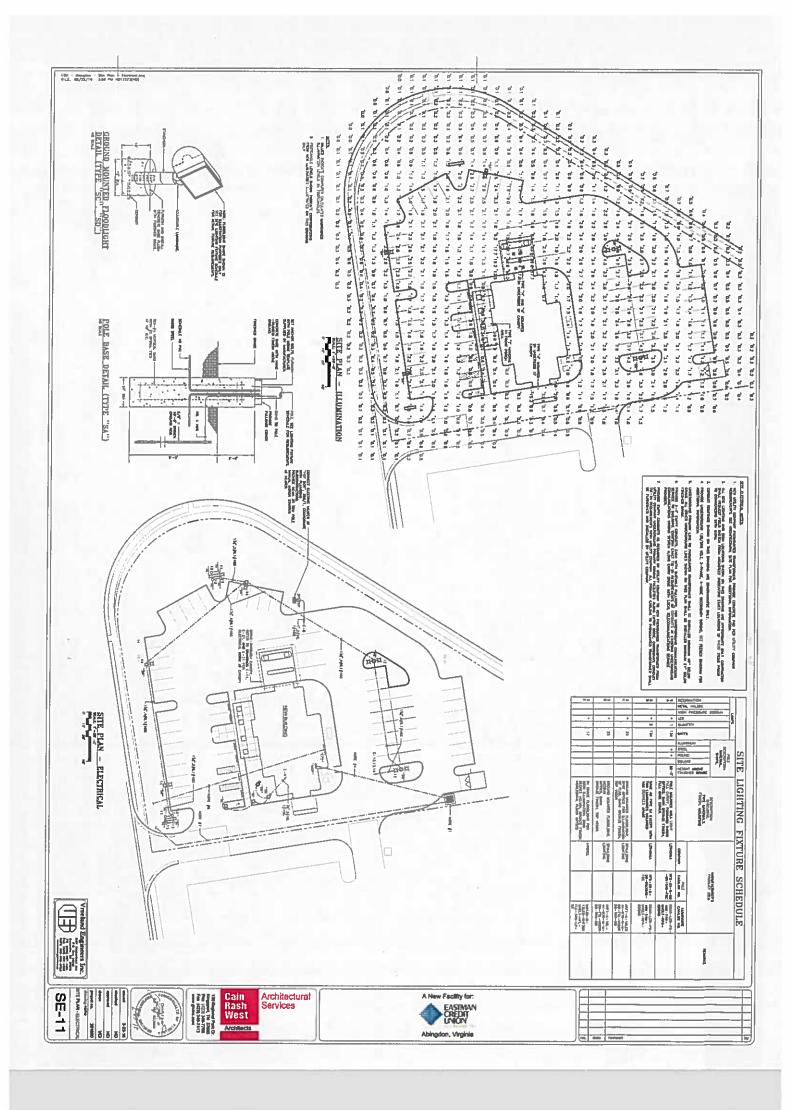


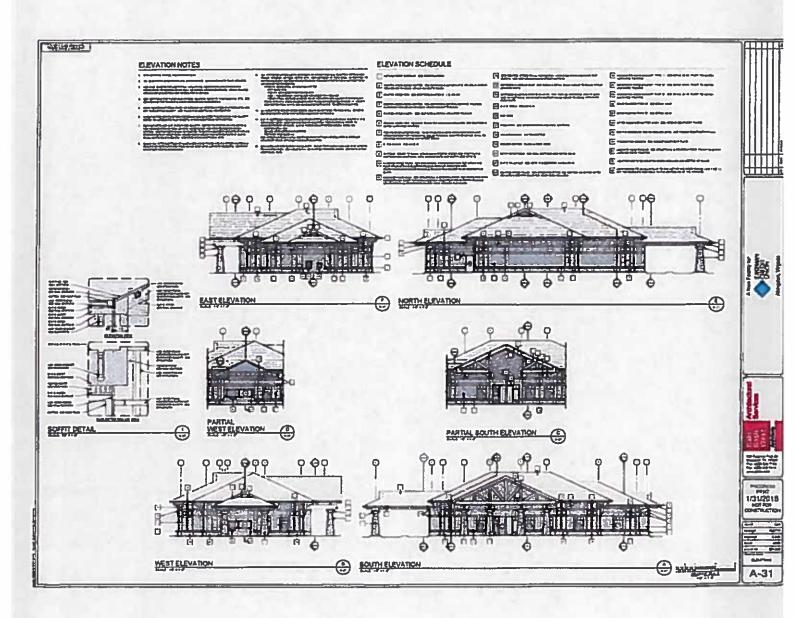








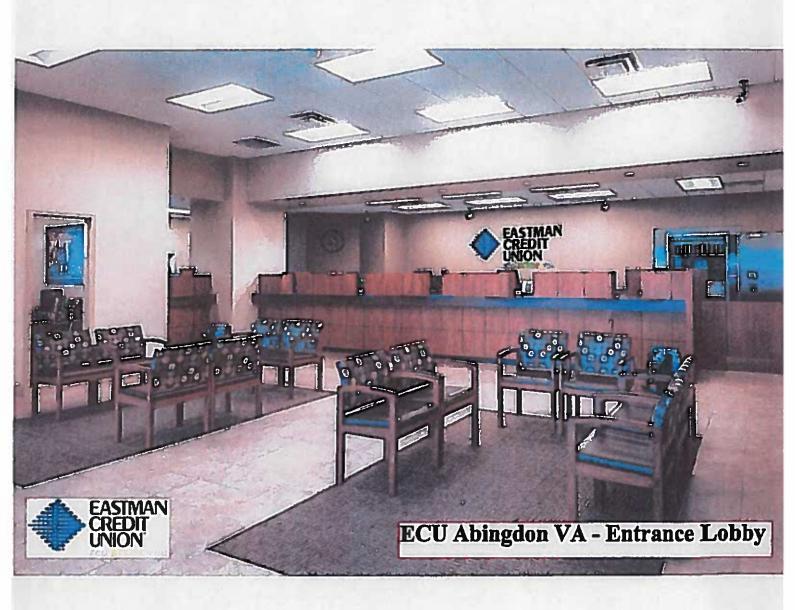




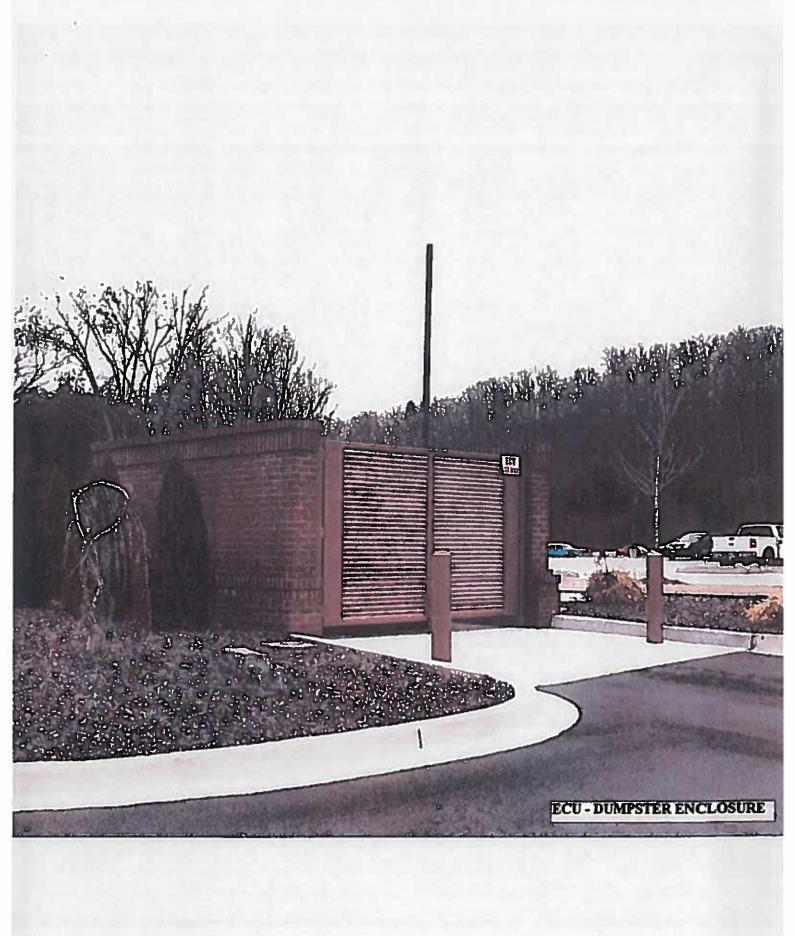


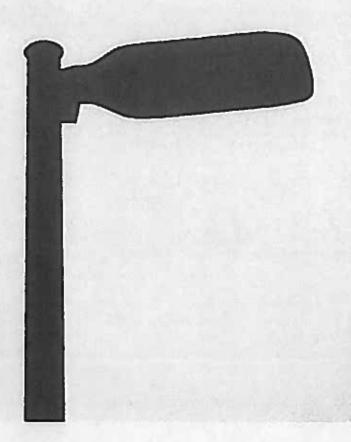












ECU - SITE LIGHTING

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| Location of Property 1120 W. M. | Aim Street, As | wada N | Zoning Distric | t B-2 | | | |
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| Business Name None | None | | Tax Map No: | 10462-2-28 | | | |
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| Signature JM H Por President | | | Firm | | | | |
| Mailing Address P.O. Rox 2383 | | Mailing Address | | | | | |
| city Johnson City | | City | | | | | |
| State/Zip TN 37605 | | State/Zip | | | | | |
| Phone/Fax Number: 423-434-4212 (T) | | Phone/Fax Number: | | | | | |
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Signed By: All FIRST Date March 6, 2018

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| COA application has been reviewed and deemed to be complete. List of adjoining property owners notified of this COA application An administrative fee of \$50.00 is attached with this application All modifications requiring further review: \$25.00 | has been attached to this application. Code: 011/Budget line item: 100-3-13-030-0400 |



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Proposal: Demolition of existing structure

Applicant: Management Properties LLC

Applicant's Contact: Jeff Benedict, (423) 434-4219

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| WEST MAIN FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH | 1147 WEST MAIN ST | | ABINGDON | VA |
| DUTT & WAGNER OF VIRGINIA INC | P O BOX 518 | | ABINGDON | VA |
| LIGHT MILLING COMPANY | P O BOX 309 | N | ABINGDON | VA |
| ROUSE WILLIAM LOWRY JR & JOHNA O | 637 MICHELLE CT | | LAWRENCEVILLE | GA |
| K & H LLC | 1135 W MAIN STREET | | ABINGDON | VA |
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| JOHNSON PEGGY J & MEADE IRENE J | 144 HILLSIDE DR | | ABINGDON | VA |















AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE TOWN OF ABINGDON, TO REPEAL, AMEND AND REENACT CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION – ARTICLE VI – PLANNING COMMISSION

WHEREAS, §27-6-1 of the Code of Virginia 1950, as amended, established that the governing body of any town may enact and enforce ordinances for the general purpose of promoting the public health, safety, convenience and welfare of its general public; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Abingdon's current Chapter 2 – Administration – Article VI – Planning Commission, and upon due consideration to amend said ordinance, the Council for the Town of Abingdon elects to repeal, amend and reenact the body of its ordinance; and

| NOW, | THEREFORE | BE IT | ORDAINED, | upon | recommendation | of the |
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| Council of the | Town of Abingd | lon, Virg | inia, after notic | e pursu | ant to §15.2-2204 | of the |
| Code of Virgini | a 1950, as amen | ded, and | public hearings | s of the | Council for the T | own of |
| Abingdon on | | _ as requ | ired by law: | | | |

- 1. That this ordinance shall take effect on ; and
- 2. That should any section or provision of this ordinance be decided to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section or provision of this ordinance or the Code of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia; and

That the Town of Abingdon's Chapter 2 – Administration – Article VI – Planning Commission, that is proposed for repeal, amendment, and reenactment, currently appears as follows:

ARTICLE VI. - PLANNING COMMISSION[7]

DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY

Sec. 2-301. - Authority.

- (a) State authority. The Abingdon Planning Commission operates under authority delegated to municipalities under Title 15.2, Chapter 22, Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.
- (b) Town authority. The authority for the planning commission was established on March 21, 1947, by ordinance of the Abingdon Town Council.

Sec. 2-302. - Definitions.

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of any council member appointed to the planning commission shall be a two-year term. The council member may serve two consecutive terms.

- (2) The council may appoint any member for two consecutive terms.
- (3) To fill a vacancy of an appointed member, the council may follow this procedure or any part thereof. The director of planning shall notify the council 60 days prior to the end of the term or terms to expire. The council shall not appoint any member to the commission without having received a letter of interest and qualification for membership from the candidate. The council shall fill any vacancy it may choose to fill, provided the commission shall never have less than seven members.
- (4) In reviewing the qualifications of current appointed members to the planning commission, the council shall consider the following:
 - a. Attendance and participation at meetings of the commission or its committees;
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- (d) Compensation of members. All members of the planning commission shall serve as such without compensation.
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- (f) [Powers and duties.] The planning commission shall have all the powers and duties which are now or may hereafter be granted to or imposed upon such commissions by the Code of Virginia, town ordinances and in these bylaws.

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The duties of the planning commission as set out in the Code of Virginia, are as follows:

Duties of commissions. To effectuate these bylaws, the local commission shall:

- (1) Exercise general supervision of, and make regulations for, the administration of its affairs:
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- (5) Make recommendations and a written annual report to the town council, to be presented by the chairman, concerning the operation of the commission and the status of planning within its jurisdiction;
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The chairman of the commission or the director of planning, upon authorization by the commission, shall have power to sign in its behalf any document or other instrument to be executed by the commission. Unless otherwise provided, he or she shall sign all official correspondence of the commission.

Secs. 2-358—2-375. - Reserved.

DIVISION 4. - MEETINGS AND VOTING

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